

PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT 530.5 P.C.

- 1. Take your mail out of the mailbox daily.
- 2. Secure your mailbox.
- 3. Protect your wallet or purse.
- 4. When discarding mail or financial documents, shred any document that may contain any of your personal information.
- 5. Invest in an inexpensive shredder.
- 6. Make sure the companies you deal with shred all your personal information before discarding.
- 7. Don't place any of your outgoing mail in your residential mailbox with the red arm raised. This invites mail thieves to steal your mail. It is safer to make a trip to the post office.
- 8. Never put your account number on the outside of any payment envelope.
- 9. Be sure to notify your bank(s) and/or financial institution(s) of any change of address.
- 10. Don't carry your Social Security card in your purse or wallet.
- 11. Don't give out any personal information over the phone to anyone, especially if you did not initiate the call.

Credit Bureau Phone Numbers

Experian 1-888-397-3742 Equifax 1-800-525-6285 Transunion 1-800-680-7289